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HOUSEHOLD.

LOVE AND LAUGH TO-DAY. Brightest eyes are dimmed by tears, Reddest lips must fade with years,

Let us love then, while we may,

Sweetheart, how shall we forget, Sorrows that old age beset? There is but a single way, Let us love and laugh to-day.

Let us love and laugh to-day.

Kiss me then, and be not coy, Kissing is love's sweetest joy; Come, my sweet, oh, come, I pray, Let us love and laugh to-day.

HOW TO MAKE ICINGS.

Icing for Cakes.-The whites of four eggs, one pound of powdered white sugar, vanilla, strawberry, lemon, or any other flavoring. Beat well the whites of the eggs, adding the sugar to stiffen in small quantities; continue until you have beaten the whites to a stiff froth; it will take about onehalf an hour, if well beaten all the time. If not stiff enough then add more sugar, spread carefully on the cake with a broad-bladed knife.

To color icing yellow put the grated peel of a lemon or orange into a piece of muslin, strain a little juice through it, and press hard into the other ingredients. Strawberry juice or cranberry syrup colors a pretty and her husband lost every dollar pink color.

one-half pound castor sugar, and the was forced to accept a position as a juice of a lemon or a few drops of clerk on a small salary, and the young stances than from the numerous othorange flower water. Beat the mixture until it hangs upon the fork in flakes, then spread over the cake, dipping the knife in cold water occasionally; stand it before the fire, and keep turning the cake constantly, or the sugar will turn brown. As soon as it begins to harden it may be removed. to sew by hand." The icing must not be put on until the cake itself is cold; otherwise it will not set.

Lemon Icing .- Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a basin, with one-half pound of powdered sugar, and beat it for a short time. If wanted pink add cochineal.

Eggless Icing.-Take one cupful of confectioner's sugar, and two tablespoonfuls of water; beat thoroughly, and spread on your cake, which should be ice-cold. The icing will whiten when it has stood for a while. You may color it with pink sugar or chocolate if you like.

An excellent Frosting .- Boil together one cupful granulated sugar, and four tablespoonfuls hot water until it threads from the spoon, stirring often. Beat the white of one egg until firm; when the sugar is ready, set it from the stove long enough to stop boiling, then pour onto the egg slowly, but continually, beating rapidly continue to beat until of the right flavor while beating. It hardens very quickly after it is ready to spread on the cake, so it is best to have the

smoothly. Boil the sugar the same as for candy, when right for candy it is right for frosting. If at last it hardens very rapidly, it has been boiled too hard, but a little white of egg will rectify it; or if not boiled enough, that is, if it remains too thin after beaten until cold, put in pulverized sugar, adding a little and beating hard; then if not just right, a little more and beat again until thick. Have the sugar boiled just right, If you hit the point you will not have any trouble, if not it will require "doctoring." A good deal depends upon stirring the sugar into the white of egg at first, if too fast or too slow it will cook the egg in lumps. If you should not get it just right at first, do not be discouraged; when once you get it perfect you will never make it any other way. This is for one cake.

Almond Icing .- Put in a brass or copper pan two pounds moist sugar ator and Licensed Auctioneer for the pounds ground sweet almonds, stirring

dry slowly. Chocolate Icing.—One-quarter cake of chocolate, one-half cupful sweet milk, two dessertspoonfuls corn starch, one for two minutes, flavor with vanilla and sweeten with powdered sugar to

A CHAPTER OF APPLES.

Apples Baked with Walnuts.-Take have the tartness for baking; take out set all at once. the cores carefully so as not to break the outside skin, fill the cavity with the kernels of black walnuts, then bake them in a quick oven. When place in a dish and pour over them whipped cream and serve while people have with human suffering-a apples. Otherwise they would burst the effect of the spectacle of that sufin cooking and spoil the beauty of the fering on themselves rather than with white cream over the brown.

salad comes from the west. three large apples, pare and slice them in small bits, almost mince them. Then dreadful-looking beggar on the street! take three bunches of celery, wash and He was the very picture of the demon remove the leaves, cut into small pieces of starvation, and the sight of him had and mix with the apples. Add a little such a curious effect on me! pepper and salt to taste. Make a rich mayonnaise dressing and pour over it, and serve on a lettuce leaf for at him. I guess he is right said the Mean Man. | over it, and solve must be taken not | each plate. Care must be taken not |

dish for a lunch, and something entirely new. Take as much homemade bread as desired for the toast, and brown it. Take each slice and dip it. into a mixture of 2 eggs, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 teacup best honey syrup and a taste of ginger, although that may be omitted if desired. Cook five minutes, or until the mixture drops slowly from a spoon but not a candy. The apples must be cut into very thin slices, and put on the toast while moist with the mixture, and served how with rich cream. The eggs should be beaten a short time before pouring in the melted butter, and stirred into the syrup while slowly heating over the

CRIMINAL.

It is almost criminal for a mother to rear her daughter in absolute ignorance of all domestic duties, no matter how wealthy one may be. Chance and change often play sad havoc with one's seemingly settled affairs, and the daughter of the wealthiest parents may be reduced to the necessity of earning her own living, or of taking entire charge of the domestic affairs of her own home. A philanthropic woman, who spends most of her time among the poor and unfortunate, came across a young woman who was the victim of this lack of wisdom on the part of her parents. She was married, and had three little children, when her parents Icing No. 2.—The whites of two eggs, nate investment. The young husband wife was compelled to assume duties

of which she was absolutely ignorant. "I never baked a loaf of bread in my life," she said. "I never did anything rangement, and the leaves should be in a kitchen. I don't know how to broil a steak or toast a slice of bread. don't know how to wash dishes or sweep a room properly. I don't know how to run a sewing-machine or how

It was too true. She was as weak and ignorant and helpless as a child. Fortunately she was not lacking in force of character, vain and foolish as her training had been. Moreover, she loved her husband and her children, and was eager to make the most of the situation in which she found herself. What if she had not been thus inclined? What if she had been unwilling or incapable of adapting herself to her changed condition? A wretched home would have been the result, and the responsibility of it would have rested -where? Let the mothers and the daughters who read this answer. It is criminal to rear a daughter in ignorance of the duties she must assume if her own home is to be the home her husband has a right to expect it wil

CELERY SALAD.

There are several ways to serve cel ery on the dinner table when it is uncooked and served as a salad. most ornamental way is frizzled, it is then used as a garnish to cold meats, jellies, and other cold dishes, or it is consistency to spread on the cake, and simply served in low crystal boats as a garnish to the table and to be eaten with salt. Curled or frizzled celery white of another egg ready to add a is easily prepared. Trim away the little if it gets too hard to spread green portion of the celery, cut off the roots to separate the white stalks, cut these bleached stalks into pieces about three inches long and split each lengthwise into strips, cut these strips with a fine pen-knife into four or six shreds each, leaving about three-quarters of an inch of the top uncut. Lay the pieces of celery in ice water for about two hours, when they will be nicely frizzled, They make a very pretty garnished,. A plain salad of celery is made simply of the white stalks of celery cut in inch lengths and the roots cut into shreds. Dress it with two tablespoonfuls of vinegar, two of oil and salt and pepper. Let the celery be very crisp and cold when prepared.; A celery mayonnaise is effectively served in a circle of red tomato or any savory jelly or simply garnished with curled celery. Prepare the celery in the same way it is prepared for plain salad and dress it with enough mayonnaise dressing to cover all the pieces. when they are tossed in it. The pale HUGH MacKAY, Durnam, Land Valu and one pint of water. Boil eight green, half bleached leaves of the top minutes, draw off the fire and mix two of the celery also make a very pretty garnish to a celery mayonnaise.

HOUSE-CLEANING.

A house may be kept beautifully clean teaspoonful of vanilla. Mix together and tidy the year through by having the chocolate, milk and starch. Boil each room thoroughly cleaned once a week. This includes the paint being washed where it is dirty, the windows cleaned, the stove and furniture and fire-irons well rubbed. An old lady housekeeper used to say she never cleaned down, because she never needed it -she always kept clean-meaning she resumed his old business, and is prepar five of six large apples, those which did not require to have the house up-

A SYMPATHETIC STOMACH.

The kind of sympathy which some Do not take the skin from the sympathy which concerns itself with the feelings and relief of the sufferers Apple-Celery Salad.—This delight- -is neatly satirized in this story: Mr. Coddle, returning to his office,

after a trip outside, drew a long face. Oh, dear, he sighed, I saw such a What effect? he was asked.

And what did you do? I went and got my dinner, though Apples on Toest .- This is a dainty it was hardly 12 o'clock.

THE SUN WAS LATE.

Failed To Set on Time, According to Minister's Watch.

They were telling stories about watches, and the man who always waits until last had just concluded a wonderful story of how a watch of the same make as the one he carried had disclosed an error in the fall of the time ball at Greenwich, England, supposed to be the most accurate time recorder in the world-when a minister. spoke up. "That is not so bad, but they tell a story equally good on Dr .--naming a well-known divine. "What's the story?" he was asked, "Why, you see, Dr.-- owns a very accurate watch of which he is quite proud. It happened cordingly Transient notices—"Lost," "Found," "For Sale," etc.—50 cents for first insertion, 25 cents for each subsequent insertion. ing over an almanac, as the sun was about to set. According to the almanac the sun was due to set in a very few minutes, although it was still somewhere above the horizon. Pulling out his watch, the doctor, exclaimed 'You had better hurry up, old sun, or you won't get down on time.' Since the almanac and the watch could not be wrong, it follows that the sun was behind hand." The minister's story was voted the prize, and no more watch stories were told that evening.

FORTUNES BY SEA LOVERS.

"Tea leaves are not certain at all times as fortune tellers," remarks a The Chronicle they had through an unfortu- well-known lady, "though I have known a verification from them in Contains . . many cases, and even in more iner signs which prevail with women folk. There should be no preparation or arallowed to arrange themselves in the bottom or sides of the cup after the tea is drank. If they take the form of wavy or long lines, vexations and loss are liable to occur, the more numerous and distinct the lines, the greater the vexations and losses. On the other hand, straight lines tell of peace and long life. Should the leaves take the form of human figures, or approaching them in appearance, it should be regarded as a good omen to those concerned. To the unmarried, they indicate marriage, and if there are any circular forms near the figures they mean that wealth will come in connection with the marriage. Anything akin to a trefoil or clover is a specially good sign, and if it is near the top of the cup it means speedy marriage. An anchor denotes success in any business venture, while a serpent or any form like it is the sign of an enemy. A dog-like form if at the top is a pretty safe sign of having true friends, though if they are further down they should be carefully watched. A treelike form means to a sick person restoration to health, and if clearly defined speedy and permanent health. Several trees separated widely mean that all wishes will come, and if there are dots about them, riches will come. All bird-like forms are indicative of good fortune and good friends, while a fish is pretty certain to mean news

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from across the water. The figure of a man means a speedy visitor and if his arm is outstretched, a present. A crown is likewise a good sign, as are flower forms, the latter denoting happiness. The sun, moon, and stars have a similar meaning. These, of course, are the mere outlines. The experiments afford amusement and are interesting, for it is wonderful what peculiar forms tea leaves will occasionally take."

AN ORDINARY KANSAS WIND.

A Wellington paper recounts that a man was sitting on a chicken coop in front of a store the other day when the wind blew the coop out from under him and let him down on the ground with a chug. We see nothing so wonderful about this. Now, if the wind had blown the coop out from under the man and left him sitting in the air it might have been worth talking about.

TWO VIEWS.

He-She carries her head high. She-Yes; her neck is rather long.

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